

REMARKS

Claims 101-120 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action dated November 26, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 101-106, 108-116 and 118-120 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 8, 10 and 12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,139,402. Claims 107 and 117 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,419,572.

In response to the Office Action, applicants are filing a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejection. Claims 101-120 should therefore now be in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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